

AAFES employee is 'outstanding'

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

Celita Julian, Annex supervisor at the Hickam Terminal Shoppette has been chosen as the Army Air Force Exchange Service Worldwide Outstanding Associate with a Disability for 2005.

While working for AAFES the past eight years Ms. Julian never complained, never requested to leave work early and has given 120 percent every single day according to her former boss Jan Mason.

This sounds like an incredible accomplishment for anyone, except Ms. Julian was born with small kidneys and by the age of 28 her kidneys had gradually began to fail. She endured 10 years with an enlarged abdomen, hair loss from medication and a bluish complexion from lack of oxygen.

When asked if she sees herself as disabled Ms. Julian responded, "Actually I don't feel like I am disabled, because I can do more than the people who are not disabled. I do more than them, you see."

Ms. Julian waited for a kidney for four years and prior to her transplant she performed dialysis on herself four times a day for an entire year.

Each time an individual receives dialysis they are to remain still for four hours afterwards, but Ms. Julian

had to work because her husband's medical insurance is not enough. She works so the co-pay is lower and to maintain her medical insurance.

The award Ms. Julian will receive is to honor her abilities and achievements in overcoming obstacles not only in her work environment and daily life, but also in how she gives encouragement to her coworkers and other staff members.

When asked what her secret is Ms. Julian responds, "I don't know, I just want to keep going because the more I think about it I feel weak, you know? I don't want to think of negative, I am always positive since I don't have my family here."

"Her attitude and her heart is her secret and this is also what makes her great," said Ms. Mason.

She believes that thinking negatively will weaken her immune system and never thinks of her sickness. "She doesn't go around telling everyone what she's been through," shared Ms. Mason.

Everything about the essence of Ms. Julian is upbeat, positive, with a smile inside and a smile outside. "I like that," agreed Ms. Julian. "You can ask my friends, I joke a lot, a sense of humor I have that."

"She lives and breathes each day as if it is the most wonderful new day, she's grateful for every day," added Ms. Mason.

"I keep going and going,"



Photo by Kirsten Tacker

Celita Julian, Army Air Force Exchange Service annex supervisor at the Hickam terminal, hands change back to 1st Lt. Torrey Hubshman, 735th Air Mobility Squadron. Ms. Julian was selected as the 2005 AAFES worldwide outstanding associate with a disability.

Ms. Julian giggles, "You know the battery? I keep going and going and going."

After her transplant surgery Ms. Julian missed only 90 days of work, but said she was ready to return in 60 days.

"I am very thankful to the Ginoza family, if not for them I would not be here," said Ms. Julian. "They donated their son's kidney on Mother's Day, the day he died in 2000. This is the extension of the life they have given me."

Ms. Julian will receive a

check for \$650 as the recipient of the award and represent AAFES at the Annual DoD Forum on Disabilities held in Washington, D.C. later this year.

When asked what she plans to do with her award money, "I think I am going to save it first," stated Ms. Julian.

"I want to go home to the Philippines in March, the ticket costs a lot around \$800. My father turns 80 years old on March 26 and my mother turns 70 years old on April 2, it is their birthday

and their anniversary, so special I have to be there. It costs a lot to go to the Philippines, but home sweet home."

Ms. Julian's greatest service is her home sweet home appeal in the store and palpable devotion to the troops and devotion is an understatement.

A true testament of her commitment is that she keeps the shoppette open at all hours depending upon troop movement.

When the store is closed, she is often called and only

given a few hours notice to open the store. Frequently that call comes in the middle of the night and she will open the store regardless of the time.

Ms. Julian and her staff have delivered around the clock support, while troops deploy for Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflict areas.

"They will go to the war, they don't know what is going to happen, you know life is too short," said Ms. Julian. "I know I have a sickness and I know I am going to die, they're so healthy they don't even know what is going to happen."

Her whole face lights up when talking about the needs of the troops going off to war and being able to do this for them.

Ms. Julian is so selfless that if she were to have a bad day it has nothing to do with her.

"My very bad day is if there is a problem in my family and every day is a good day," said Ms. Julian. "How do you call it my happiness is very shallow, for a week-and-a-half we didn't have air conditioning at the store, but when we got it was like a jackpot."

She lives each day like she has won the lottery.

Regarding her accomplishments and award, "To be recognized I am just happy, happy to be alive, so happy to love my parents and my friends," said Ms. Julian. "I just keep going it is the Energizer battery I think."

Hickam environmental raises the bar

By Nicole Clements
15th Civil Engineer Squadron

Not long ago the 15th Airlift Wing Environmental Restoration Office was using cutting-edge technology to clean up contamination in the groundwater below the Mamala Bay Golf Course. Well engineers and environmental scientists are at it again.

This time, they have designed a unique project to assess how well their innovative cleanup approach is working. The restoration team has developed a pilot study that uses chemistry to measure the rate of biological degradation, in other words, how fast contamination is broken down by naturally occurring bacteria in the ground into harmless compounds that are not a threat to human health or the environment.

To determine the rate contamination is degraded, Hickam scientists are working in conjunction with Oregon State University – in particular, Capt. Danielle Robitelle. The captain is a former Hickam Air Force Center Environmental Excellence contracting officer representative, who is now earning her Master's Degree in chemistry at OSU through sponsorship by the Air Force Institute of Technology.

"The most exciting aspect of this project is that it is a win-win situation for everyone involved," she said. "It's



Courtesy photo

An engineer collects injection-phase samples from the Mamala Bay Golf Course in search of contaminants.

In terms of human health risks, the site is over salty groundwater that will never be used for consumption and does not pose an immediate risk to human health.

Bill Grannis
Project Manager

great OSU can take their proven technology and test it here in Hawaii's unique environment. In addition, Hickam

will gain additional information about the contamination that's present."

Underneath the Mamala Bay Golf Course, which was named the best golf course in the Air Force for 2004, lies an old landfill, which was formerly known as the Tri-Services Landfill. "This landfill was reportedly operated from the late 1940s to 1965 and received up to 55,000 tons of waste annually," said Bill Grannis, Project Manager. "The waste was mainly construction debris and municipal waste, however, in 2001, the restoration team found buried 5-gallon bottles of cleaning solvents, including trichloroethene (TCE), which was historically used to clean aircraft and other mechanical parts."

Grannis also relayed that subsequent tests confirmed that contamination originating from these bottles is present in



Courtesy photo

Project site as a landfill in the 1950s. The landfill was reportedly operated from the late 1940s to 1965 and received up to 55,000 tons of waste annually.

the soil and groundwater near the first-hole fairway of the Mamala Bay Golf Course.

"In terms of human health risks, the site is over salty groundwater that will never be used for consumption and does not pose an immediate risk to human health," he said "Because of the elevated concentrations of solvents, long-term monitoring and land-use restrictions are required. One objective of this study is to determine the effectiveness of cleanup activities and how long these activities will be required." If warranted, measures can be taken to speed up the cleanup process.

"Previously, all we knew

was that the cleanup efforts were working and the contaminants were degrading," said Todd Lanning, Chief, Environmental Restoration. Hickam scientists wanted to know more. For example, at what rate are the contaminants breaking down? With this information, they hope to be able to predict cleanup time frames and how to potentially enhance the process.

Capt. Robitelle described how the Hickam-OSU team has developed an innovative chemical approach to simulate and measure the biological degradation process. "The goal is to develop a

solution of chemicals that closely resembles TCE in structure and properties, but the degradation rate of the solution will be more easily measured than TCE itself," she continued. "The solution will be harmless to humans and the environment. This solution will be injected into the ground at the cleanup site and allowed to remain in the environment for a substantial amount of time so that degradation can occur."

Groundwater samples will be collected at set times during a 12-week period from wells in the area. "By analyzing these groundwater samples, the rate of degradation, or breakdown, of the test solution can be determined over time," said the captain.

"The tests conducted at this site will facilitate development of protocols to determine degradation rates not only at this site, but at sites the world over where cleanup efforts are still in the pilot, or initial, phase. What that means is that less time, energy and money will be spent on future sites due to the work that we are doing here at Hickam," said Mr. Lanning.

People wanting more information about this project, or any Environmental Restoration Office projects, can contact Nicole Clements, Community Involvement Specialist, at 449-1584, extension 229, or e-mail at christine.clements@hickam.af.mil.

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Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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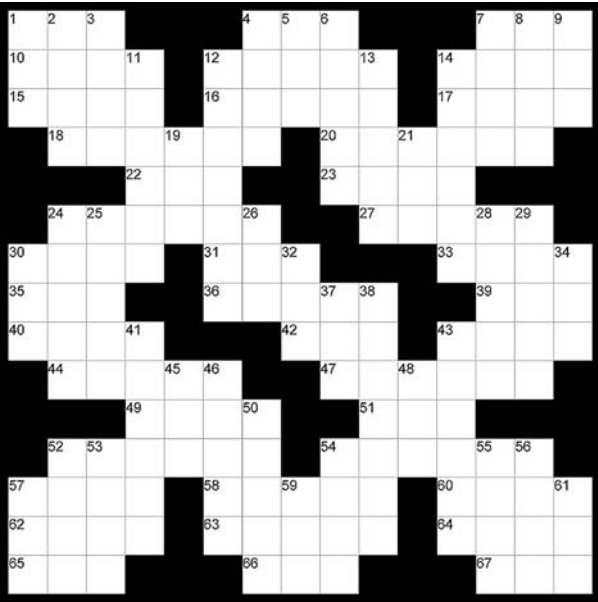
Crossword Puzzle: Hispanics in history

By Capt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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- 1. Edge
 - 4. Agassi org.
 - 7. Scout's org.
 - 10. Middle East denizen
 - 12. Foreign
 - 14. Ship part
 - 15. Capsule
 - 16. Babysitter
 - 17. Russian river
 - 18. Stagnation
 - 20. Mention
 - 22. GOP opponent
 - 23. Fibber
 - 24. Laughing dogs
 - 27. ____ Pavlovich Chekhov
 - 30. Ewe sounds
 - 31. Actor Chaney
 - 33. Pilots with 5+ kills
 - 35. Compass dir.
 - 36. Cut up
 - 39. Head cover
 - 40. Dutch colonist in South Africa
 - 42. Pod item
 - 43. Backbone
 - 44. Thoughts
 - 47. Greek letters
 - 49. Olympic medalist Katarina
 - 51. USAF Intel org.
 - 52. ____ Noriega; Peru-born astronaut
 - 54. Toils away
 - 57. ____ Moreno; 1st actress to win an Oscar, Tony, Emmy,

- & Grammy
- 58. ____ Hinojosa; Hispanic award-winning journalist
- 60. Erase
- 62. Over
- 63. Jabs
- 64. Nil
- 65. Precious stone
- 66. Observe
- 67. Capture

- DOWN
- 1. Hit
 - 2. Eye part
 - 3. Beer type
 - 4. Sigh or regret
 - 5. Sn on periodic table
 - 6. Subject to punishment
 - 7. Dueling VP
 - 8. Futon
 - 9. Everything
 - 11. Rueben ____; Hispanic American singer, actor
 - 12. Beasts
 - 13. ____ Velazquez; first Puerto Rican woman elected to Congress
 - 14. Dolores ____; Hispanic American labor leader
 - 19. Rep. Congressional counterpart
 - 21. Vehicle type
 - 24. ____ Hilton; POW camp in Vietnam
 - 25. Pitched, as in a ship
 - 26. Center of the solar system
 - 28. Severo ____; Hispanic Nobel Prize-winning



- biochemist
- 29. Comes close
- 30. Weekend getaway spot, in short
- 32. Quick sleep
- 34. Sault __ Marie
- 37. Ocean part
- 38. Saudi Arabian currencies
- 41. Recover
- 43. Cesar ____; Hispanic labor leader (Nat'l Farm Workers Assoc)
- 45. Feel sick
- 46. Trample
- 48. Actress Zadora
- 50. Former Russian rulers
- 52. Credit
- 53. Molecule
- 54. Profile
- 55. Paradise
- 56. Father
- 57. Something to clean a mess
- 59. Caviar
- 61. Small child

See solution, B4

Team Hickam History: The Air Force’s most historic airfield

Sept. 30, 1940 – Contractors complete work on Hickam’s “Big Barracks,” also known as the “Hickam Hotel,” the world’s largest single military barracks at that time. Today home to Headquarters PACAF, the three-story reinforced concrete structure could house 3,200 enlisted personnel. Its central kitchen could feed all the troops in shifts in the centrally located mess hall. (See photo below.)



Oct. 5, 1942 – The Air Force approved the emblem of the 15th Pursuit Group (Fighter), predecessor to the 15th Airlift Wing. The emblem originally displayed a motto in the lower scroll: “Prosequor Alis,” Latin for “I pursue with wings.” The 15th Airlift Wing emblem retains all elements of the original emblem, save for the organization designation now placed in the lower scroll.

Oct. 1, 1943 – The 535th Fighter Squadron (later to become the 535th Airlift Squadron in 2005) is activated at Richmond Army

Air Base, Va.

Oct. 6, 1962 – Project Mercury astronaut Commander Walter M. Schirra, Jr., accompanied by all seven original astronauts except Alan B. Sheppard, arrived with debriefing teams at Hickam following the six-orbit manned flight made on Oct. 3, 1962 and recovered 165 miles northeast of Midway. In addition to military officials, dignitaries on hand to welcome them included Governor Quinn, Mayor Blaisdell, University of Hawaii President Snyder, and Jeffery Francis Lord Fisher of Lambeth, retired Archbishop of Canterbury.

Oct. 1, 1977 – The world’s first major runway built entirely offshore, Hawaii’s Reef Runway, is completed, and opened to traffic. On Oct. 14, 1977, the Reef Runway was dedicated by the state of Hawaii, with both a military and commercial aircraft taking off from the new facility.

Sept. 27 through 30, 1983 – With wind speeds reaching 60 knots, Tropical Storm Narda threatened the Hawaiian Islands and caused aircraft to be evacuated. Passing within 150 miles south of South Point on the Big Island, the storm subsequently weakened and

turned away from the islands.

Oct. 1, 1983 – Military family housing management on Oahu was consolidated under the Army; currently a Housing Liaison Office was established within the 15th Air Base Wing to serve as the intermediary between the Hickam Base Commander and the Army’s Area Housing Office.

Oct. 1, 1984 – The Hickam Family Support Center officially began operation, becoming the 35th family support center in the USAF.

Sept. 30, 1986 – The 6594th Test Group (of

“Catch a Falling Star” fame) inactivated at Hickam, with a loss of over 150 civilian jobs.

Oct. 1, 1990 – The 25th Air Liaison Squadron (later to become the 25th ASOS) activated at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, assigned to the 15th Air Base Wing.

Oct. 1, 1992 – Detachment 4, 15th Air Base Wing, which held responsibility for Wake Island, inactivated and was replaced by Detachment 1, 15th Logistics Group, on the same day.

Oct. 4, 1994 – Schools in Hawaii closed and all but essential personnel stayed at home on Oahu in antici-

pation of a possible tsunami generated by a powerful earthquake in Japan.

Sept. 30, 2002 – A ceremony was held as two 15th Air Base Wing groups reorganized. The 15th Support Group became the 15th Mission Support Squadron, and the 15th Logistics Group became the 15th Maintenance Group.

Oct. 1, 2003 – The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) was activated through the merger of the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory and the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting. Both organizations were already co-located at Hickam.

New ‘Skills development’ becomes old ‘arts & crafts’

By Steve VanWert
Air Force Services Agency

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) – Air Force Services Agency officials gazed into the past to predict the future recently when they changed the name of skills development to the name it held until the early 1990s – arts and crafts.


“Generations of Air Force families took advantage of arts and crafts programs on Air Force bases worldwide,” said Darold Carpenter, Services Agency community programs division chief. “We decided the name best describes what arts and crafts offer on base and name recognition is important to future success.”

The name change also cleared up some confusion at base level, where the term “skills” is used in several unrelated programs.

“We found out that many Airmen and their families were confused by the ‘skills development’ name,” said Greg Trapuzzano, Services Agency arts, crafts, tickets and travel branch chief. “So why not call it by the name that describes what it really is: arts and crafts?”

Arts and crafts programs are also important in supporting the Air Force mission, said Al Dooley, of Services Agency marketing.

“By calling ‘arts and crafts’ by a name that is actually a description of what we do, we hope more Air Force families will realize the extent of our programs and take advantage of activities both for deployed Airmen and their family members at home,” he said.



Staff Sgt. Rosalind Campos

15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

ADS rocks because: We have our ups and downs, pull through, and came out as one ... “we are family.”


My job affects all of Hickam in that: I schedule 300 to 500 members each month for their periodic examination and monitor the Class 3 and 4 patients to keep our Air Force members world wide ready to deploy for tomorrow.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: Working on my CCAF and mixing records on my turntables.

Something people don't know about the ADS: We have an awesome staff who cares for our patients. And bowling is a good morale booster, especially if you have the “shark dentist” on your team.

If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be: To have more Wing functions. This way Team Hickam can meet and learn more about the different job specialties. And to expand the Puka Lounge – great place!

What her supervisor has to say: Staff Sgt. Campos has great courage to take on the most challenging task and succeeds!



Master Sgt. Rona Cardwell,
Superintendent, 15 ADS

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CHAPEL

Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

PROTESTANT Nelles Chapel Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday Gospel Worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday Praise Gathering 5:30 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Traditional 8:30 a.m.	JEWISH Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor 473-0050 Jewish Lay Leader Mr. David Bender 527-5877 Naval Station Chapel 473-3971	CATHOLIC Nelles Chapel Weekday Mass 11:30 a.m. Saturday Confessions 4:15 p.m. Saturday Mass 5 p.m. Chapel Center Sunday Mass 10 a.m.	ISLAMIC Friday Congregational Service (1935 Aleo Place, Punahou) 1 p.m. Muslim Association of Hawaii 947-6263	BUDDHIST Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin A Shin Buddhist Temple 536-7044 ORTHODOX For more information, call 438-6687
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Sports Shorts

Volunteers needed for Niketown run

The Niketown 5K Run is Sunday and a dozen volunteers are needed Saturday, from about noon until set-up is completed at approx. 7 p.m., possibly even completing earlier with more help. Sunday starting at 5:30 a.m. a total number of volunteers (18 to 24) will be needed until approx. 9:30 a.m. These times subject to change. The work will not be difficult (laying out cones/delineators/ barricades; putting up pop-up tents; positioning tables, chairs, trash bags; putting up banners & signs; etc.) all in Ft. DeRussy park across Niketown. T-shirts as well as other gifts will be provided to volunteers. POC is Tech. Sgt. Duane Gonzalez at 449-3733.

Sports day Oct. 14 –

The Team Hickam Sports Day is Oct. 14 at the Hickam Harbor. Opening Ceremony is at 8 a.m. Events are: 5K Run, Volleyball, Horse-shoes, Paddleboat Race, Kyaking and Tug-O-War. Team entry deadline is Oct. 10. For more information contact the Hickam Sports Office at 448-4640/4639

Fitness center offers reduced personal trainer rates

Hickam fitness center now offers reduced rates for group personal training sessions. Groups consist of two to four people. Rates are \$25/single session or \$130 for 6 sessions per person. Please contact Hickam Fitness Center at 449-1044 for more information.

Diamond Head officials

The association is looking for flag football referees for the upcoming intramural flag football season. No experience required as training will be provided before the season starts. Please contact Darren Jones at 448-1683 if interested.

Hickam Hurricanes in need of Head Coach

The Hickam Hurricanes Swim team is looking for a new head coach. Previous coaching experience is desirable. The team also has an immediate opening for an assistance coach. No previous coaching experience required. Great opportunity to start a coaching career.

For more information, contact Peggy Glasgow at 389-5063 or e-mail Information@HickamHurricanes.com with a current resume.

Running club

Hickam Fitness and Sports Center is recruiting runners of all levels to begin a running club. Advanced participants are needed as volunteers, but all levels are welcome. Monthly discussions will occur including speed work, race etiquette, massage, nutrition, yoga for runners and more.

For more information, contact Susanne Dale at 449-1044.

Discovering the benefits of massage

By Jackie Hites
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Editors Note: This is the final part in a four-part series in Hickam Fitness Center's Activities.

Let your massage experience begin at the Hickam Fitness & Sports Center. Massage is not for the elite anymore. Individuals are discovering the benefits of regular massage for rehabilitation of injuries, stress, and relaxation. Though massage will not cure any problems you have, it will help alleviate the symptoms.

Sport and rehabilitative massage help individuals overcome post event soreness and fatigue more quickly. Any time you help the body dispose of toxins and massage the tissue and organs, the body positively responds, healing itself more quickly. Many individuals suffer from tightness in their bodies from improper posture or injuries, massage really helps here too.

The massage therapy you choose depends on what you're trying to accomplish, but most massages are



Top: Massage therapist Janna Corpuz, massages Jennifer Grissom's arms. Though massage will not cure any problems it can help alleviate the symptoms. Left: Ms. Corpuz works on Ms. Grissom's shoulders. People who go to massage regularly use it for relieving stress and relaxation.

Photos by Suanne Dale

received because of the relaxation benefits. "The basic technique is straight forward," said Janna Corpuz, massage therapist,

"but the power of touch is amazing. It comforts and soothes you, lowering blood pressure and allowing the body to more effectively

performs processing functions."

"Massage is a catharsis," said Susanne Dale, Hickam Fitness Director. "It is fun to experiment and see for yourself what you believe, what works, what you like, and most of all, what feels good because even the same technique can produce different results, depending on how you direct the therapist and what you want to get out of the experience. We have found that during deployments, many spouses come for a massage to relax; however, they soon realize that the simple stroke can release the tremendous stress. Because of this, and the 'release' the body feels from massage, it is not rare that we will have people cry. We don't understand how truly stressed and panted up we are within ourselves."

Important things to remember during the massage: wear what is comfortable, if you would prefer to keep shorts or underwear on, express this to the therapist. Vocalize what hurts, or what you like or dislike, the therapists appreciate this. He or she does not want their client walking out wishing that they would

have had their arms rubbed more when the therapist spent more time massaging their back. Also, because toxins are released in the body during massage, clients should remember to drink plenty of water to wash them out following the session.

The Hickam Fitness & Sports Center offers a variety of massages such as Swedish, Rehabilitative, Sports, Lomi Lomi, Deep Tissue, Myofascial Release, Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Hot Stone and Pre/Post Natal massage. They also offer a line of spa treatments to include body scrubs, facials, and body waxing.

Visit the Fitness & Sports Center and check out their Fall Special which includes a body scrub, facial, and massage for \$70. Offer good now through 15 October. Look for upcoming specials during National Massage Therapy Week, 23-29 October and don't forget the Hickam Fitness & Sports Center offers gift certificates for all occasions.

Call the Hickam Fitness & Sports Center front desk at 449-1044 for more information.

Falcon's fourth-quarter comeback vs. Utah falls short in 38-35 heartbreaker

By Wayne Amann
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

SALT LAKE CITY (AFP) – Two touchdown drives engineered by backup quarterback Adam Fitch late in the fourth quarter were not enough in the Falcons' 38-35 loss to the University of Utah in front of 41,935 spectators here Sept. 22.

"We could'a, should'a won, it's the same thing I said last week," Falcons head coach Fisher DeBerry said. "We just didn't play all the time. We have to play 60 minutes when we play the defending conference champions."

Utah (3-1, 1-1) rebounded from its first loss since 2003. The Utes went 12-0 in 2004 while capturing the Mountain West Conference title.

Despite losing six offensive starters, including quarterback Alex Smith who was the No. 1 pick in the 2005 NFL draft, Utah did not have to rebuild – they simply reloaded.

Before a nationally televised audience on ESPN, Air Force opened strong when fullback Ryan Williams ran for 34 yards on one carry and put the Falcons up 7-0 with a 1-yard touchdown run.

Utah countered with Smith's understudy from last year, Brian Johnson. The sophomore signal caller took his team 69 yards in 11 plays, the last being a 1-yard touchdown by Johnson.

After an exchange of punts, Falcon quarterback Shaun Carney flipped a screen pass to wide receiver Jason Brown who tiptoed down the sideline for 29 yards to the Utah 7-yard line. Williams punched it over for the touchdown and a 14-7 lead.

Johnson drew the Utes even again with his second 1-yard touchdown run set up by consecutive gains of 12, 16, 18, 13 and 13 yards. The next sequence of events played out like a bad sit-



Photo by Ken Carter

Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney, 5, readies a handoff to fullback Ryan Williams, 45, as the Falcon offensive line clears the way. The Falcons lost to the Utes 38-35 and fall to 2-2 on the season.

com. Air Force free safety Andy Gray recovered a fumbled Donny Heaton punt, but the Falcon offense failed to make a first down.

Heaton's ensuing rugby-style punt was blocked and recovered by Utah on the Air Force 33. Six plays later, Johnson added his third 1-yard touchdown.

On the first play of Air Force's next possession, halfback Kip McCarthy fumbled a Carney pitch and Utah recovered on the Falcon 12.

From there, Johnson hit wide receiver Travis LaTendresse in the end zone.

The Falcons settled down on

their next drive thanks, in part, to a spectacular 27-yard reception by Brown on an under-thrown pass to put Air Force deep in Ute territory.

"We had chances to make plays on all sides of the ball when we needed to," Brown said. "When we didn't, Utah took full advantage." The drive culminated with a Carney-to-Chad Hall-to-Greg Kirkwood reverse for a 10-yard touchdown run.

Utah's Dan Beardall drilled a 46-yard field goal with 1:06 left in the second quarter to stake his team to a 31-21 halftime cushion.

Their lead ballooned to 17 points in the third quarter when Johnson, who had plenty of time

to throw when the Falcons defense used a three-man rush, hit wideout Brian Hernandez for a 60-yard touchdown bomb.

Enter Fitch. The senior rallied his troops with scoring drives of 86 and 80 yards, resulting in a 15-yard touchdown pass to Brown and a 4-yard touchdown run by Fitch.

Down by three with 1:08 to play, a Falcons' onside kick was caught cleanly by Utah.

Air Force (2-2, 1-2) was on ESPN again Thursday against Colorado State University. It marks the first time in school history the Falcons play back-to-back Thursday games.

No. 18 Falcons pick up two wins at Slugfest

U.S. Air Force Academy
Athletic division

Santa Cruz, Calif. – Bolstered by a potent offensive attack, the 18th-ranked Air Force water polo team ended the weekend on a strong note, winning a pair of WHPA games Sunday at the Slugfest, hosted by UC Santa Cruz.

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Air Force saw early success against Whittier in the first game of the day, getting out to an 8-3 advantage by the half.

However, the Poets began to mount a comeback in the second half, eventually taking the lead in the fourth quarter. With just 30 seconds remaining in the contest and the score tied at 11-11, Whittier had possession of the ball before the Falcons came up with a critical steal.

After a missed shot by junior Danny Kimmich (La Jolla, Calif.), Air Force was able to get the rebound, enabling Kimmich to hit the winning goal with just three seconds remaining.

The Falcons were aided by strong execution on their 6-on-5 opportunities, going 6-of-8 for the contest. In the game, Kimmich, Kyle



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Junior Kyle Schafer, Air Force Academy Water polo team, goes up for a block.

Schafer (Jr., Irvine, Calif.) and Clark Condict (So., Irvine, Calif.) all tallied three goals, while Justin Berry (So., Windermere, Fla.) had two and senior Jeff Donaldson (Riverside, Calif.) added one to help Air Force remain undefeated all-time versus the Poets. Meanwhile, Schafer also added four assists, garnering team MVP honors for the game and tournament.

With Santa Clara, which had defeated Whittier on Saturday, as its next opponent, Air Force was looking for another close game to wrap up the tournament. However, the Falcons dom-

inated early, jumping to a 6-1 halftime margin, and never relented, outscoring the Broncos 6-3 in the second half as well.

Condict led the Air Force offensive attack against Santa Clara, notching five goals and an assist, while Berry and Joey Brewer (Fr., Clovis, Calif.) added two goals each. Also scoring for the Falcons in the game were Schafer, Tyler Hewko (Fr., Laguna Hills, Calif.) and Matt LeBlanc (Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.). Santa Cruz, Calif. -

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The Falcons return to action Oct. 1-2, when they host the East Meets West Tournament, featuring Brown, Iona and WHPA opponents Loyola Marymount and Occidental.

The tournament begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Cadet Natatorium, with admission for all games free of charge.

Fancy Footwork



Top: Douglas Schwefler shields the ball from Jacob Nemeth while teammate Noah Miller gets ready for a pass. The three are teammates on the AYSO Tigers soccer team.



Left: Jacob Nemeth and Chase Ilagan (in yellow) get their feet tangled up as they battle for possession of the ball Sept. 17 at the youth soccer fields.

The AYSO soccer teams will compete again this Saturday starting at 9 a.m. on the youth soccer fields behind KidSports.

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